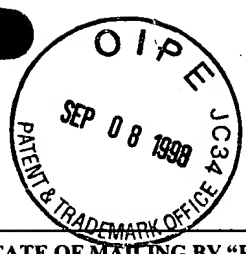


#12



PATENT  
Docket No. 251692002120

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "FIRST CLASS MAIL"**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on September 2, 1998.

Mary R. Zimmerman

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Thomas A. Silvestrini

Serial No.: 08/596,221

Filing Date: July 15, 1996

For: SEGMENTED PLIABLE  
INTRASTROMAL CORNEAL INSERT

Examiner: Mary Beth Jones

Group Art Unit: 3738

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 2, 1998. This extension will extend the time the response is due from June 2, 1998 to September 2, 1998.


/15/1998 SSALEEKU 00000053 08596221  
FC:217

- ☒ A three-month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$475.00.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$475.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952.**

Dated: September 2, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
Jung-hua Kuo  
Registration No. 41,918

Morrison & Foerster LLP  
755 Page Mill Road  
Palo Alto, California 94304-1018  
Telephone: (650) 813-5654  
Facsimile: (650) 494-0792